

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 6, and 7, amend claims 1, 3, 8, and 12, and add new claims 20-23, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An animal chew, comprising:
a composite of animal hide bits, adherent, and ~~discrete~~ pieces of ~~flavor~~
~~product~~jerky interspersed in the composite and discrete from the animal hide bits, wherein
the animal hide bits make up at least 60% of a weight of the composite.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Currently Amended) The animal chew of claim ~~2~~1, wherein the ~~meat~~
~~product~~jerky is in the form of a chunks.
4. (Original) The animal chew of clam 3, further including a health affecting additive.
5. (Original) The animal chew of claim 4, having a gelatin content of about fifteen percent by weight.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Canceled).
8. (Currently Amended) An animal chew, comprising a plurality of discrete, spaced, ~~flavor~~meat pieces within a solidified animal hide granulate paste.

9. (Original) The animal chew of claim 8, wherein the solidified animal hide granulate paste is cylindrical shaped.

10. (Original) The animal chew of claim 8, wherein the composite comprises, by weight, about 50 to 95 percent rawhide bits and about 5 to 50 percent gelatin.

11. (Original) The animal chew of claim 10, wherein the composite further comprises, by weight, about 5 to 10 percent wheat germ, about 5 to 10 percent fat, and about 0 to 10 percent glycerin.

12. (Currently Amended) An animal chew, comprising: a body having a plurality of bound animal hide bits; and a plurality of ~~discrete~~ jerky pieces discrete from the plurality of animal hide bits.

13. (Original) The animal chew of claim 12, wherein the body of the chew includes a visible exterior surface and an interior, and where some of the jerky pieces are located on the visible exterior surface and other jerky pieces are located in the interior and not on the visible exterior surface.

14. (Original) The animal chew of claim 12, wherein the average size of the jerky pieces is one to thirty times the average size of the animal hide bits.

15. (Original) The animal chew of claim 14, further comprising adherent for binding the plurality of animal hide bits, and a health affecting additive.

16. (Original) A method of making an animal chew, comprising:

providing animal hide bits;
mixing adherent with the animal hide bits to form a paste;
providing flavor chunks; and
encasing the flavor chunks in the paste.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of extruding the paste.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of mixing the flavor chunks with the animal hide bits and the adherent.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of heating the paste and the flavor chunks to aid in solidifying the chew.

20. (New) The animal chew of claim 1, wherein the average size of the discrete jerky pieces is one to thirty times the average size of the animal hide bits.

21. (New) The animal chew of claim 8, wherein the animal chew has a weight that is at least 60% from animal hide.

22. (New) The animal chew of claim 8, wherein the discrete flavor pieces are discrete pieces of meat.